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SUBJ: MODERNIZATION OF YAR ARMED FORCES

REF : A. JIDDA 4215; B. SANA 1461

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH PRINCE SULTAN YESTERDAY (JUNE 15) YEMEN AID QUESTION. HE POINTED OUT THAT DELAYING AID UNTIL AFTE THE YEMENI ELECTION MEANT A LONG IF NOT AN INDEFINITE DELAY AND THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN OR THE UNITED STATES.

2. SULTAN SAID THIS WAS TRUE; BUT HIS POINT WAS VALID: SAUDI ARABIA COULD NOT GIVE AID TO A COUNTRY IF IT DID NOT KNOW THE NATURE OF ITS GOVERNMENT. YEMEN'S HAD BEEN UNCLEAR. FORTUNATELY, THE ISSUE HAD JUST BEEN SETTLED (JUNE 14) IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMDY AND AL-AHMAR.

3. NOTHING COULD BE DONE NOW, WITH THE BUDGET PENDING, BUT "AS SOON AS THE BUDGET IS OUT" (CIRCA JULY 10), HE
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PROMISED THE AMBASSADOR, HE WOULD TAKE UP THE QUESTION AND

WE COULD EXPECT QUICK ACTION THEN.

4. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED HIM THAT WE WERE READY TO MOVE
AS SOON AS SAUDI ARABIA GAVE THE SIGNAL.
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